

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
J	422



n Lexington

ress 15 Parker Street

toric Name Byam House

: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

le _____

source _____

Style Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings carriage house

Major alterations (with dates) _____

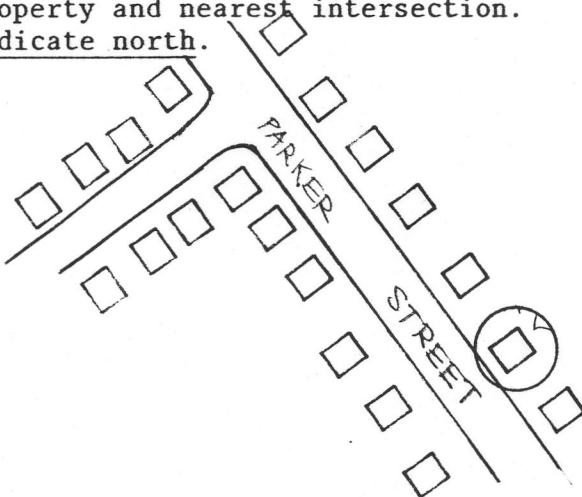
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 10256 ft.²

Setting Residential street developed in
the second half of the nineteenth century.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is one of Lexington's best preserved examples of the standard side hall plan, facade-bay-window house with Italianate trim built so frequently in the second half of the nineteenth century. There are paired brackets at the eaves. The bay windows have panelled trim. The porch with chamfered posts shelters a double-leafed door and wraps around to join a small ell to the right.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Map research indicates this house appeared on Parker Street between 1876 and 1889, although stylistic analysis would suggest a somewhat earlier date of construction; perhaps it was moved from elsewhere in town, although there is no documentary evidence to this effect. In 1889 it was owned by G.H. Byam, a collector; in 1898 by his widow; and in 1906 occupied by Walter Faxon, a professor at Harvard.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

1887 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory